

# Maza language

**Maza** (autonym: *ma ʔza ʔ*) is a Lolo-Burmese language spoken by the Yi people of China.

Maza is spoken by about 50 people in the village of Mengmei 孟梅 (Maza: *q<sup>h</sup>a ʔle ʔ*), Puyang Village 普阳村, Muyang Township 木央乡, Funing County, Yunnan. Maza has a Qabiao substratum, since the area was originally inhabited by Qabiao speakers (Hsiu 2014:68-69). Maza displays circumfixal negation, a syntactic feature that is usually typical of Kra languages.<sup>[3]</sup>

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Maza	
<b>Native to</b>	China
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Yi
<b>Native speakers</b>	50 (2014) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lolo-Burmese<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mondzish<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Maza</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	<i>None</i> (mis)
<b>Glottolog</b>	maza1306 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lan/nuoid/id/maza1306">http://glottolog.org/resource/lan/nuoid/id/maza1306</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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